



ABEL TASMAN VILLAGE POST STAY AT HOME ORDERS VISITING POLICY

(as at Thursday 7th October 2021)

POLICY STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

Abel Tasman Village is committed to the health and safety of its residents, staff members, volunteers and all other stakeholders and to preventing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases such as COVID-19.

The NSW Government has mandated that from Monday 11th October 2021, residential aged care facilities can open for visiting.

This policy sets out the measures Abel Tasman is taking to ensure it meets all mandatory requirements related to the visiting directions.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all persons visiting a resident at Abel Tasman Village. This policy may change as per NSW Health or Department of Health direction.

VISITING REQUIREMENTS*

Abel Tasman Village will provide a system to enable visits to be booked.

Visits may be permitted in either the resident's room or an outside area but not in any inside communal areas. Visitors must practice social distancing and must wear a surgical mask at all times. Visitors must not congregate at any place within the village, including the entry gate.

From 11 October, all visitors aged 12 years and over to Abel Tasman Village must have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to their visit unless they can provide a COVID-19 medical contraindication certificate or the visit is for end of life. Children under the age of 12 will not be permitted to enter Abel Tasman Village.

Visitors must also undertake a COVID 19 test 72 hours prior to their visit and exhibit the negative result to screening staff upon arrival.

QR code check in is mandatory on entry (Service NSW and Abel Tasman Village codes). Staff are able to assist if required.

Visitors must **not** enter Abel Tasman Village at all if they:

- have been to any close, casual or monitor for symptoms locations in NSW OR Victoria, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory OR New Zealand in the last 14 days
- have been in a stay at home area in the last 14 days and are not an essential visitor
- have COVID-19 symptoms
- are a close contact of a person with confirmed COVID-19 and are within their isolation period.
- live in a household with a person who is currently isolating.
- are waiting for a COVID-19 test result due to exhibiting symptoms.



RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Fully vaccinated residents are permitted to leave the facility and attend small family gatherings but must abide by the current Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order (No 2) 2021. Residents and their families must ensure all COVID restrictions are followed and that residents are not exposed to any undue risk. All precautions must be taken including social distancing, ensuring hand hygiene is attended and reduced exposure to any risk, including close contact with any person who is unvaccinated.

Residents must not go into an area that is currently under a stay at home order.

Restrictions will apply to residents who are unvaccinated as per the NSW Health roadmap. Residents who are unvaccinated may receive visitors who are fully vaccinated but both resident and visitor must wear a surgical mask and maintain social distancing. Unvaccinated residents will be unable to:

- visit friends or family in their homes
- access non-critical retail
- attend weddings with more than 5 guests
- go out to pubs, or visit other premises which are open only to vaccinated customers.

This policy was created on 7th October 2021 and ratified by the Management Team of Abel Tasman Village.

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* <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/racfs-visits-outings.aspx>